and when circumstances warrant such inclusion. "Hydraulic brake fluid" was the item last added to the list over a year ago.

(c) No such proposal is being considered by the Government.

(d) Does not arise.

Central assistance for flood relief

640. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of persons killed so far in Rajasthan and other States in the country due to unprecedented monsoon rains this year and whether any estimate has been made of agriculture crops/ properties destroyed on this account;

(b) what is Central Government's share / contribution of expenditure towards relief and rescue operations and whether any demand for allocation of more such funds has been made by any of the State Governments during the current year so far; and

(c) whether Government propose to increase substantially its funds for national natural calamities budget in view of this abnormal flood fury in different parts of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA): (a) Eleven states (including Rajasthan) and one Union Territory have so far reported damage due to heavy rains, floods and land-slides, etc. during current South-West monsoon season. The extent of damage to life and property etc. as reported by the affected States and the Union Territory as on 7th August, 1990 is given in Annexure [*See* Appendix CLV, Annexure No. 20]

(b) and (c) Consequent upon the acceptance of the recommendations of the Ninth Finance Commission, the scheme for financing the relief expenditure has undergone change from 1.4.1990. A Calamity Relief Fund has been constituted for each State with an allocated amount, 75 per cent of which shall be contributed by the Central Government as non-Plan grant in four quarterly instalments and the balance shall be arranged by the State Governments from their own resources. The State Level Committee headed by the Chief Secretary of the State Government shall decide on all matters connected with the relief expenditure including the norms on which the relief should be provided. Following the creation of the Calamity Relief Fund, it is now the responsibility of the State Governments to meet all expenditure arising out of the natural calamities unless a particular calamity warrants its handling at national level. A statement indicating the amount allocated to the various States under Calamity Relief Fund and the amount released so far towards Centre's contribution to Calamity Relief Fund during 1990-91 is at Annexure [*See* Appendix XLV, Annexure No. 21]. There is no proposal to increase the allocations under the Calamity Relief Fund as the same has been allocated by the 9th Finance Commission.

Safe drinking water supply and sanitation facilities in the country

641. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the United Nations have declared 1989-1990 as the International Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation decade; and

(b) if so, what are the targets fixed and achievements made so far for providing safe drinking water supply and sanitation